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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

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Go to <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm> and get quick and easy access to exactly what you're looking for this Legislative session.

Please be sure to call, fax, or e-mail your support for our bills if you cannot attend the hearings. Also, a number of our bills have been passed out of committee and through on the floor. Don't forget to thank your Legislators for their support; they need to hear from you!

Scheduled Hearings

House and Senate Local Government Committees will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

*MACo Bill

Monday, March 19

	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Time</u>
HB 3 Supplemental appropriations	Room 102	9:00 a.m.
HB 236 Residential property tax credit for elderly to account for inflation	Room 102	9:00 a.m.
HB 242 Revise filing deadline for write-in candidates	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
*HB 253 Eliminate county election requirement for construction of certain bridges	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 529 Increase business equipment tax exemption and reduce tax rate	Room 102	9:00 a.m.
HB 567 Montana safety corridor act	Room 102	9:00 a.m.
HB 570 Special write-in absentee ballot for military and overseas electors	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 627 Pave road to Dawson county correctional facility	Room 102	9:00 a.m.
HB 658 Fund training and equipment for child molestation cases	Room 102	9:00 a.m.
HB 687 Extend age for well child care coverage	Room 317B	3:00 p.m.
HB 727 Revise eligibility requirements for certain benefits	Room 317B	3:00 p.m.
HB 744 Revise school district creation laws	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 817 Fund satellite delivery of public television	Room 102	9:00 a.m.
HB 821 State emergency notification system	Room 102	9:00 a.m.
SB 89 Providing for breast feeding in the workplace	Room 137	3:00 p.m.
SB 131 Revise land banking laws	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
SB 139 Governor's \$400 property tax rebate	Room 152	9:00 a.m.
SB 145 Revise wildfire protection laws	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
SB 147 Authorize restrictions on fire hazard area activities	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
SB 161 Revise captive insurance laws	Room 152	9:00 a.m.
SB 213 Revise appraisals and land banking procedure	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
SB 215 Revise property tax levy limit to adjust for inflation	Room 152	9:00 a.m.
SB 222 Revise speed laws near emergency vehicles	Room 455	3:00 p.m.

SB 251	Allow conveyance of highway right-of-way interest to local government	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
SB 269	Revise standards for recorded documents	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
*SB 270	Revise filing deadline for independent candidates, minor parties	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
SB 369	Revise PSC jurisdiction over rural cooperatives	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
SB 386	Revise motor vehicle laws	Room 455	3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20

HB 341	Revise jury pool laws	Room 303	9:00 a.m.
HB 524	Revise city or town incorporation laws	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 585	Additional duties for county commissioners	Room 303	9:00 a.m.
HB 596	Increase taxpayer assessment repayment term	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 639	Create volunteer EMT retirement system	Room 102	8:00 a.m.
HB 736	Fund state shelter care facilities	Room 102	8:00 a.m.
HB 773	Require state to pay for certain veterans funerals	Room 102	8:00 a.m.
SB 105	Tax break for equipment to sequester carbon dioxide	Room 405	9:00 a.m.
SB 114	Revise construction lien laws	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
SB 245	Revise local government debt limits	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
SB 261	Revise funding for county junk vehicle budgets	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
SB 299	Revise laws on historic preservation and cultural tourism	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
*SB 308	Revise road levy election law	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
SB 332	Exempt tribally owned property from taxation	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
*SB 364	Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
SB 382	Establish mental health courts	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
SB 383	Revise property laws	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
SB 552	Tax credit for volunteer firefighters	Room 405	9:00 a.m.
SB 553	Revise incentives for certain physicians	Room 405	9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 21

HB 433	Full disclosure of government funds spent for federal lobbying	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 487	Revise threshold for local government audit	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 798	Revise energy impact funding for natural resource development and cessation	Room 102	8:00 a.m.
HB 802	Revise funding for community mental health and crisis services	Room 102	8:00 a.m.
SB 129	Revise truancy laws	Room 137	3:00 p.m.
SB 160	Use of senior and disability transportation funds as matching funds	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
SB 209	Transfer registered process servers to Board of Private Security Patrol Officers	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
SB 214	Independent contractor exemption for certain corporate officers	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
SB 225	May choose new mill levy election date after legislative session	Room 137	3:00 p.m.
SB 374	Power of attorney to request absentee ballot for overseas military personnel	Room 455	8:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 22

HB 6	Renewable resource grants	Room 102	8:00 a.m.
HB 9	Cultural and aesthetic grants	Room 102	8:00 a.m.
HB 14	Appropriation for information technology projects	Room 102	8:00 a.m.
HB 235	Business improvement district law	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 510	Revise assessment costs for improvement districts	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 680	Revise tax laws to authorize department of revenue to collect out-of-state debt	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
SB 233	Allow multiple counties to create museum districts	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
SB 284	Revise allocation of bed tax and taxes on rental cars	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
*SB 341	Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
SB 430	Allow out-of-state revenue collections	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
SB 503	Extend county zoning protest period	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
SB 527	Revise condominium exemption for subdivision review	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
SB 551	Tax holiday for coal severance tax on coal used CO2 sequestration facilities	Room 405	9:00 a.m.
SB 554	Sales tax with property tax reform, school funding, and income tax credits	Room 405	9:00 a.m.
SB 555	Refundable income tax credit for statewide school mills	Room 405	9:00 a.m.
SJ 10	Study uninsured motorist solutions	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
SJ 26	Interim study of zoning and land use planning	Room 172	3:00 p.m.

Friday, March 23

HB 154	Community commitment for developmentally disabled	Room 317A	3:00 p.m.
HB 372	Revise county treasurer salary	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 679	Revise leave law for newly hired public employees	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 765	Revise retirement laws	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 271	Revise requirements for securing loads	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
SJ 15	Study impacts of certain services on health care delivery	Room 172	8:00 a.m.

Projected Session Calendar

Please note: Leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

Introduction deadlines: Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

"General bills" is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

Notes: Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a 6-day legislative week.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

March 21: Transmittal of Revenue Estimating Joint Resolutions
March 23: Last Day for Committee to Request Revenue Bills
March 29: Transmittal of Appropriation Bills
April 3: Transmittal of Revenue Bills
April 5: Transmittal of Amendments to General Bills
April 6-8: Break
April 10: Last day to request Study Res. or Comm. Bills to implement HB2
April 16: Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
April 18: Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue Est. Jnt. Res.
April 21: Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
April 27: Session Adjourns; Sine Die

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

* Indicates the bill is probably dead.

<u>#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>As Of</u>
HB 12	Generally revise county attorney salaries and prosecution services	2006-23	Tim Callahan	(H) Hearing	1/12
*HB 27	Establish wireless enhanced 9-1-1 system	2006-12	Robyn Driscoll	Tabled in Committee	3/14
→ →				(H) Appropriations	
*HB 47	Revise size of parcel for disposal of household or agricultural waste	2006-07	Dave Gallik	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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*HB 49	Require study of local government special purpose districts	2006-02	Robin Hamilton	Tabled in Committee	3/14
→ →				(H) Appropriations	
HB 92	Modernize public health laws	2006-36	Eve Franklin	(S) Hearing	3/12
HB 96	Fund veteran cemetery maintenance	2006-22	Krayton Kerns	Transmitted to Senate	3/08
*HB 174	Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs	2000-25	Carol Lambert	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 206	Revise county mill levy elections	2006-04	Pat Ingraham	(S) Hearing	3/16
HB 207	Revise time of oath of office for county officials	2006-17	Pat Ingraham	(S) Hearing	3/16
HB 253	Eliminate county election requirement for construction of certain bridges	2006-19	John W. Ross	(S) Hearing	3/19
HB 269	Revise weed laws	2006-03	John W. Ross	(S) Hearing	3/12
*HB 314	Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities	2006-13	Llew Jones	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
*HB 360	Prohibit use of nonwood bats in competitive Nat'l youth league baseball games	2006-38	Bill McChesney	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 364	Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	2006-21	John Brueggeman	(S) Hearing	3/13
HB 369	Increase county borrowing limit	2006-26	JP Pomnichowski	(S) Hearing	3/06
*HB 370	Uniform penalty and enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	JP Pomnichowski	Tabled in Committee	2/06
→ →				(H) Judiciary	

HB 426	Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds	2006-16	John W. Ross	(S) Hearing	3/27
HB 428	Revise junk vehicle laws	2006-05	Dave Gallik	(S) Hearing	3/08
HB 541	Youth employment program	2006-14	John L. Musgrove	(H) Hearing	2/13
*HB 551	Pre-commitment evaluation for mental illness	2006-34	Arlene Becker	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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*HB 561	Revise County bonding authority	6-26	John L. Musgrove	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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*HB 582	Interim zoning for counties	2006-06	Mike Jopek	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 729	Amend county advertising requirements	2006-15	Holly Raser	(S) Hearing	3/26
*HB 745	Authorize county occupancy permits	2006-27	JP Pomnichowski	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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SB 21	Allow counties to establish and fund veteran's cemeteries	2006-22	Lane L. Larson	Returned to Senate With Amendments	3/13
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SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges	2004-11	Lane L. Larson	Referred to Committee (H) Fish, Wildlife & Parks	3/07
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SB 146	Juvenile delinquency disincentive program	2006-20	Jim Shockley	(H) Hearing	3/16
SB 155	Older Montanan's trust law	2006-08	Carol Williams	Referred to Committee (H) Appropriations	3/08
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SB 270	Revise filing deadline for independent candidates, minor parties	2006-29	Lane L. Larson	(H) Hearing	3/19
SB 308	Revise road levy election law	2004-04	Jim Peterson	(H) Hearing	3/20
SB 341	Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties	2006-33	Dave Lewis	(H) Hearing	3/22
*SB 358	Allow any election to be conducted by mail	2006-11	Lane L. Larson	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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SB 364	Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	2006-35	Bob Story	(H) Hearing	3/20
SB 492	Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal	2006-30	Kelly Gebhardt	Referred to Committee (H) Taxation	3/15
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LC0088	Older Montanan's trust fund	2006-08	Cynthia Hiner	Draft on Hold	10/17
LC1156	Plan for mental health drop-in centers	2006-37	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1158	Mental health services plan revision	2002-19	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1503	County option for mail ballot elections	2006-11	Diane Sands	Draft on Hold	2/09

Newly Introduced Bills

HB 817	Fund satellite delivery of public television
HB 823	Distribute oil and gas funds to counties
HJ 46	Interim study of election laws
SB 549	Revise property tax classification criteria of certain agricultural land
SB 550	Revise local government study commission laws and tax provisions
SB 551	Tax holiday for coal severance tax on coal used CO2 sequestration facilities
SB 552	Tax credit for volunteer firefighters
SB 554	Sales tax with property tax reform, school funding, and income tax credits
SB 555	Refundable income tax credit for statewide school mills